

# Morning Highlights

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## Alaska Crews Leave Today to Fight Fire in Canada



"Wildfires of Note" Map found at: [http://webmaps.gov.bc.ca/imf5/imf.jsp?site=pub\\_fireinfo](http://webmaps.gov.bc.ca/imf5/imf.jsp?site=pub_fireinfo)

Southern British Columbia has many "wildfires of note," as shown on the map above. Two Alaska Division of Forestry (DOF) fire crews are traveling to British Columbia today. The fire that they will be assigned to has not yet been determined, but they will be used to support the Canadian Resources where needed. The crews that are being sent by DOF are the Pioneer Peak Hotshots and the Alaska One crew, which is a combination of Gannett Glacier crew members and wildland fire technicians. In addition to the crews, a few other people from Alaska have been sent on individual orders. For information about the Canadian wildland fire situation, visit: <http://www.cifc.ca/> or <http://bcwildfire.ca/>

## Alaska General Wildland Fire Summary

The Rex Creek and Hard Luck Creek fires are the only remaining staffed fires statewide. Personnel continue work on the rehabilitation of trails and dozer lines. Hunters who will be using the Rex Creek Trail should be aware that fire activity could increase if weather conditions improve in the next several weeks. For maps of where fires have burned, visit <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php> "Statewide Fires."

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Tuesday.

According to AICC, so far this year 511 fires have burned 2,934,453 acres statewide. Fifty-six fires are active in Alaska.

### **National Wildland Fire Summary**

According to the National Interagency Coordination Center, initial attack activity remains light throughout the states. One large fire was reported in southern California. Firefighters contained the Rough Draw Fire in Wyoming. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) was released from the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Twenty smokejumpers are assigned to Fort St. John, British Columbia. For more information about the national wildland fire situation, visit:

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or [http://www.nifc.gov/fire\\_info/nfn.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm).

### **Additional References**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and  
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):  
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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